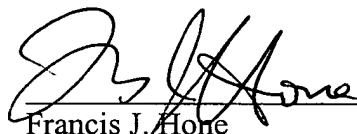


In response to the requirement for election of species, the applicant elects Species I corresponding to Figs. 3-5 of the drawings and claims 1-8 which are readable thereon for further prosecution in this application. Claim 1 is also readable on Fig. 6 which has first and second walls 601, a connection element 603 coupling the walls and a porous plate 204 located adjacent to opposed edges of the first wall and the second wall.

Further favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES**

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-8 in the following manner:

- 1. (Amended) A filtration module comprising:  
  
a first wall and a second wall;  
  
at least one connection element coupling said first wall to said second wall;  
  
and a porous plate located [between] adjacent to opposed edges of said first wall and said second wall.
- 2. (Amended) The module of claim 1, wherein the first and second wall each have a [flange] rod located on a porous support plate ledge.
- 3. (Amended) The module of claim 2, wherein the porous plate is supported by said [flange] rod.
- 4. (Amended) The module of claim 1, wherein the first and second wall each have a [flange] ledge to support opposite sides of the porous plate.
- 5. (Amended) The module of claim 4, comprising a rod disposed on [secured flags] each ledge.
- 6. (Amended) The module of claim [4] 5 comprising an adhesive around the rod [secures] to secure the porous plate to the [flange] ledge.
- 7. (Amended) The module of claim 1, wherein the porous plate is secured to the first and second walls by a restraining element.
- 8. (Amended) The module of claim 1, further comprising a connection rod for securing the first and second [side] walls in a fixed position.